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4. (Amended) A method for manufacturing an
airtight vessel according to Claim 3, wherein the evacuation step
is executed simultaneously with at least one of the getter
activation step, the heating step and the [searing] sealing step.

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13. (Amended) A method for manufacturing an image-
forming apparatus using an airtight vessel containing a plurality
of electron emission elements and image-forming members
comprising the steps of:

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23. (Amended) A method for manufacturing the image-
forming apparatus according to Claim 22, further comprising the